

REMARKS

Claims 2-52, 106, 107, 182, 183, 194, 195 and 246-251 are currently pending in this application. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue the claims as originally filed or similar claims as well as any non-elected, canceled or otherwise unclaimed subject matter in one or more continuation, continuation-in-part, or divisional applications.

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has restricted Claims 2-52, 106, 107, 182, 183, 194, 195 and 246-251 to the following groups:

- I. Claims 2-36, 52 and 248 drawn to a hybrid monolith.
- II. Claims 182, 183, 194, 195 drawn to a separation device.
- III. Claims 27-51 and 249 drawn to a surface modified monolith.

Applicants elect Group I, with traverse. As stated above, Claims 2-36, 52 and 248 read on Group I.

Applicants respectfully request full examination of the monoliths of Group I as well as separation devices comprising those monoliths (Group II) and surface modifications to those monoliths (Group III). A search for the monoliths of Group I would necessarily result in discovery of any devices comprising such monoliths and any surface modifications to such monoliths. Indeed, the search and examination of the compounds, compositions and their related methods of use would likely be co-extensive and, in any event, would involve such interrelated art that the search and examination of the both groups can be made without undue burden on the Examiner. In the alternative, Applicants respectfully

request rejoinder of the monoliths of Group I and, at a minimum, the separations devices of Group II.

Upon election of Group I, the Examiner has required the provisional election of a single disclosed species of scaffolding functionality. Applicants respectfully elect methacrylate functionality.

Claims 2-36, 52 and 248 read on the elected functionality.

The afore-mentioned election is being made solely to comply with, and be fully-responsive to, the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue any non-elected or otherwise unclaimed subject matter in one or more continuation, continuation-in-part, or divisional applications.

Applicants believe that no additional fees are required for consideration and entry of this paper. However, Applicants authorize the Director to charge any required fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-1105, Order No. 60005(49991).

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